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SUBJECT: KIM YONG-SAM GETS THIRD SUMMONS

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1. NDP LEADER KIM YONG-SAM RECEIVED THIRD SUMMONS SEPTEMBER 16 TO REPORT TO PROSECUTOR FOR QUESTIONING CONCERNING ALLEGED VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NINE. AS IN PREVIOUS TWO INSTANCES KIM HAS PUBLICLY REFUSED TO REPORT AS DIRECTED.

2. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF KIM STATED THAT HE INTENDS TO REFUSE FUTURE SUMMONSES. HE NOTED THAT HE IS PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF PROSECUTORS CALL ON HIM. HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT RETRACT OR CHANGE HIS PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT CRITICIZING CONSTITUTION.

3. KIM SAID HE HAS NO INSIGHT INTO GOVERNMENT MOTIVE FOR ISSUING ORIGINAL SUMMONS NOR COULD HE PREDICT FUTURE GOVERNMENT ACTION. IN FACT HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN AS TO WHAT ROKG'S NEXT MOVE WOULD BE; HE MENTIONED HARSH SENTENCE REQUESTED BY PROSECUTION FOR KIM TAE-CHUNG AS INDICATION THAT GOVERNMENT MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. COMMENT: WHILE HE WOULD NOW FIND
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IT POLITICALLY DIFFICULT TO BOW OUT OF HIS MOST RECENT JOUST

WITH GOVERNMENT, KIM IS BEGINNING TO SOUND A BIT APPREHENSIVE
ABOUT HIS CHANCES FOR COMING OUT AHEAD POLITICALLY ON THIS
ISSUE.
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